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TAC Minutes, 3/14/2012

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 3/14/12, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, Jean Clark, Paul Kent, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Ed Starr, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener.

Missing Members and Associates: Corey Rateau, Scott Smith

Visitors Present: Ed Tremblay (partial)

- Administration.
 - Minutes of 2/8/12 were approved unanimously.
 - Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
- Town reports.
 - Wayne (DPW) reported that Forest Street construction is starting up again. Town received a grant from EPA for porous pavement at Hurd Field parking lot.
 - Laura (Planning) reported that the Symmes residential construction is expected to start this spring, Assisted Living project permitting is underway. Also, there is a warrant article for Town Meeting requesting a parking study for Arlington Center, with the goal of exploring metered parking.
- Downing Square. Bid documents should be available by end of March, and then the project will go out to bid.
- Mass/Jason/Mill. Working Group to meet soon--Jeff, Ed, Howard, Elisabeth and Rich.
- Old Mystic/Hutchinson. Traffic counts, turning counts, and crash data requested. Elisabeth and Howard will observe during peak hour.
- Schools.
 - Bishop. Jean talked to families on Stowcroft about marking off a walking area with paint. This is a primary driving route to school, without a sidewalk, and a private way. Wayne will check with Juliana about decision process.
 - Brackett.~ Off leash hours at Robbins Farm were reduced to 7:45 to 8:30.
 - Ottoson. Elisabeth, Jeff and Ed observed drop off traffic at Quincy/Benjamin St. . Need a designated drop off area. Next is a site walk inventory to establish designated walking routes.
- Mass. Ave. at Appleton. Working Group will meet March 22 to discuss follow up on report.
- Funding Methods for Projects. TAC will develop a list of priority streets and sidewalks for DPW by end of July for following year. Elisabeth will collect Safe Routes info for prioritizing sidewalk work around schools.

- Public Comments. Ed Tremblay asked if the Town can paint lines on Park Ave. approaching Mass. Ave. Wayne responded that he would send a recommendation to look at lines and light timing.
- Lake Street. New data collected by Working Group. Howard is summarizing and analyzing options. There are 174 crossings of Lake Street by bikes and pedestrians at the bike path between 8 and 9 am. .
- CLAMP. Option approved by Selectmen. Engineering is moving forward.
- Stratton Parking. There are 100 spaces on street in the area. Principal will encourage teachers to park a little farther away from school. One parking sign needs adjusting. **Motion: TAC request to remove single “15 Minute Parking” sign, replace with 2 “15 Minute Parking” signs. Voted unanimously.** Ed will follow up.
- CVS. Ed started observations one year after occupancy, November, 2011. Repeated December, 2011 and March 1, 2012. Driveway seems to be well placed. Ed will write a summary report to the ARB. Request made for crash data since opening.
- Mass. Ave. Corridor Project. Open House for the public to see plans is scheduled for April 4.
- Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for March: Agenda, 3/14/12; Minutes of 2/8/12; Working Group List, 3/14/12; BoS/ARB Request Status, 3/14/12; Individual Action List from 2/8/12; Status of TAC Approved Actions, 3/14/12; Memo to Transportation Advisory Committee from Ed Starr, Re. Post Build Measurements for CVS on Mass. Ave., dated March 14, 2012; Email from Elisabeth Carr-Jones to M. Lawcewicz, Re. Oakland/Grey another near miss today, dated March 8, 2012; Letter to MBTA from Conservation Law Foundation Re: Proposed Fare and Service Changes, dated March 1, 2012; “Traffic Laws that You May Have Forgotten”, By Ed Starr, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, and Scott Smith.
- Step 1: Draft Criteria for New Sidewalk Priority, Ver. 4: 12/8/07
- Massachusetts Safe Routes to School forum, March 13, 2012
- Arlington Center Safe Travel Project
- Memo to TAC from Wayne Chouinard, Re. Update Items, dated March 14, 2012